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LAYZELL, D.B., et al.

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## **AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time of one month, and Fee Transmittal, are being filed simultaneously herewith.

Amendments to the claims are presented in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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